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(54) **ELECTROSTATIC DISCHARGE
PROTECTION STRUCTURE CAPABLE OF
PREVENTING LATCH-UP ISSUE CAUSED BY
UNEXPECTED NOISE**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

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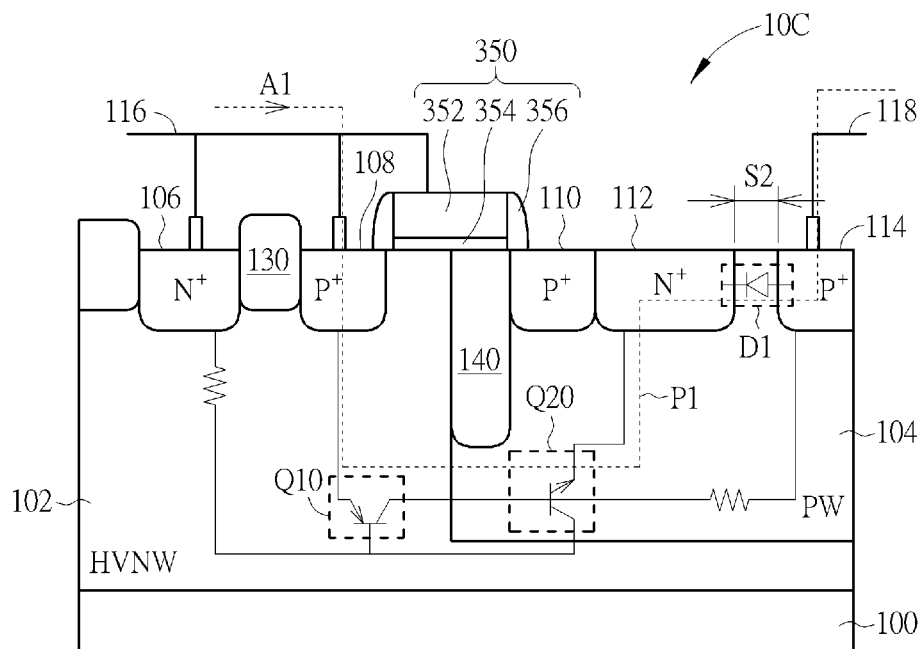
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An electrostatic discharge protection structure includes a first well, a second well disposed in the first well, a first and a second doped region disposed in the first well, a third and a fourth doped region disposed in the second well, a first electrode electrically connected to the first doped region and the second doped region, and a second electrode electrically connected to the fourth doped region.

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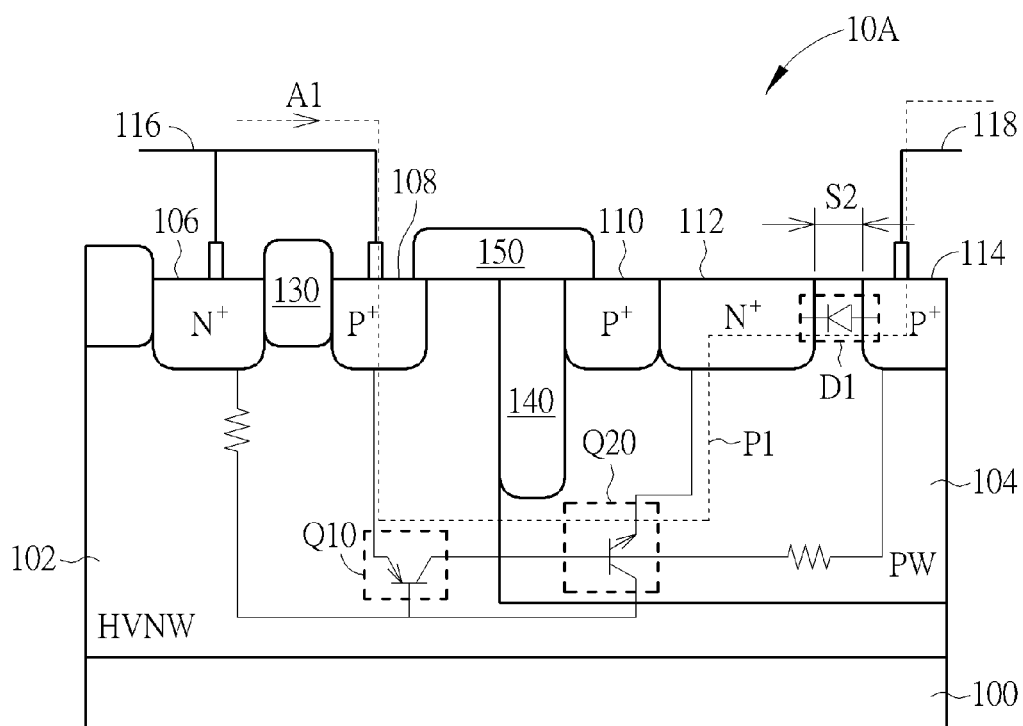


FIG. 1

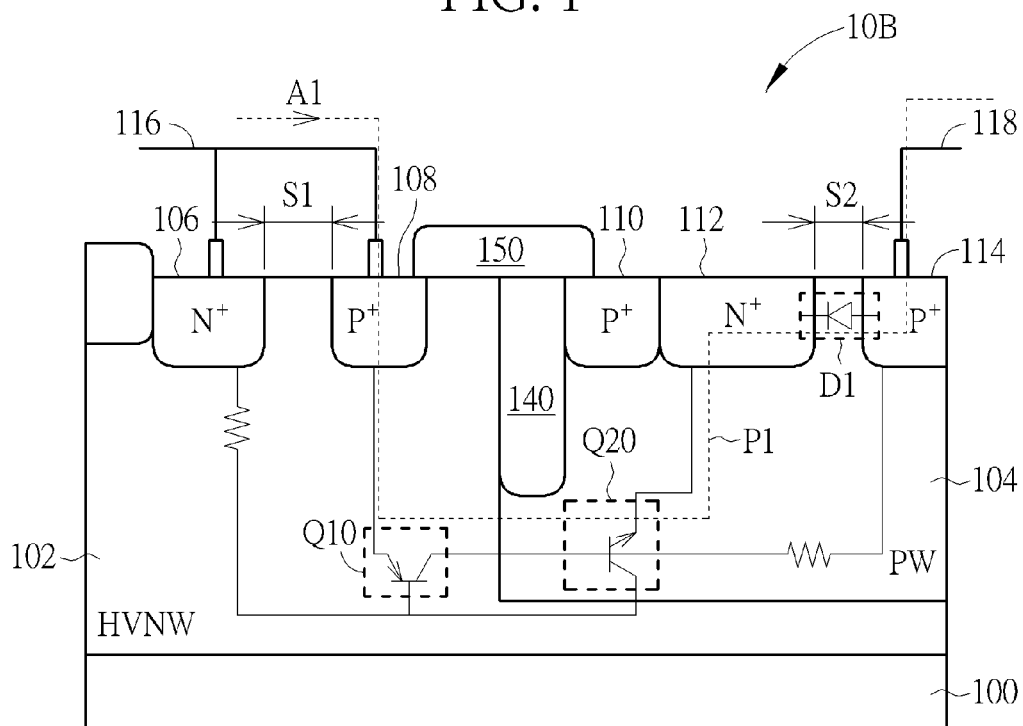


FIG. 2

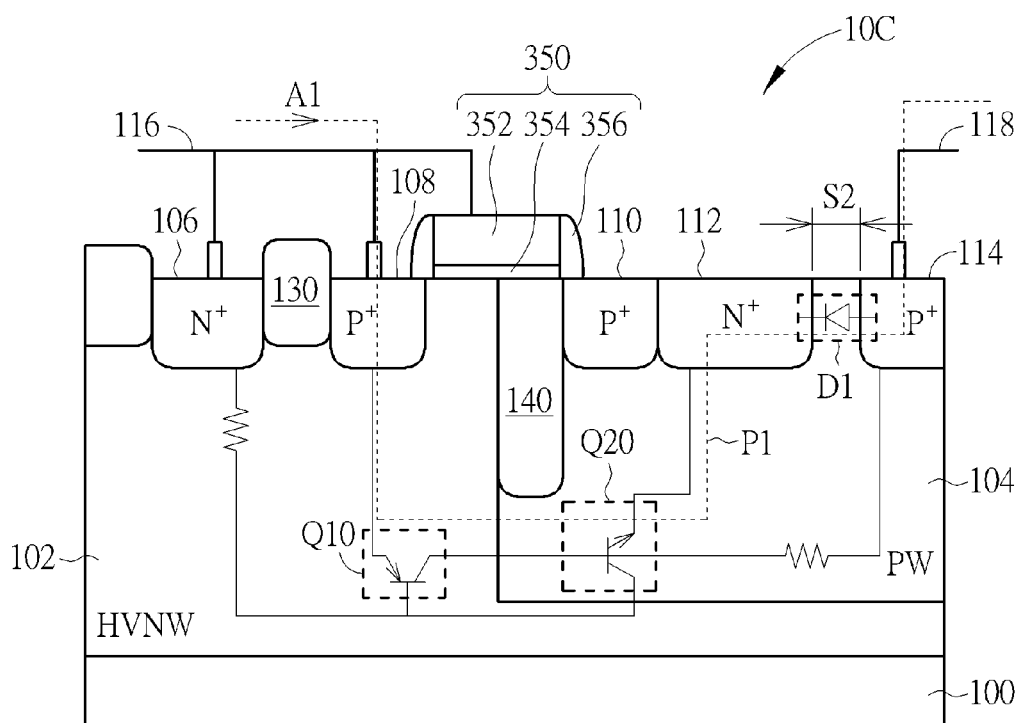


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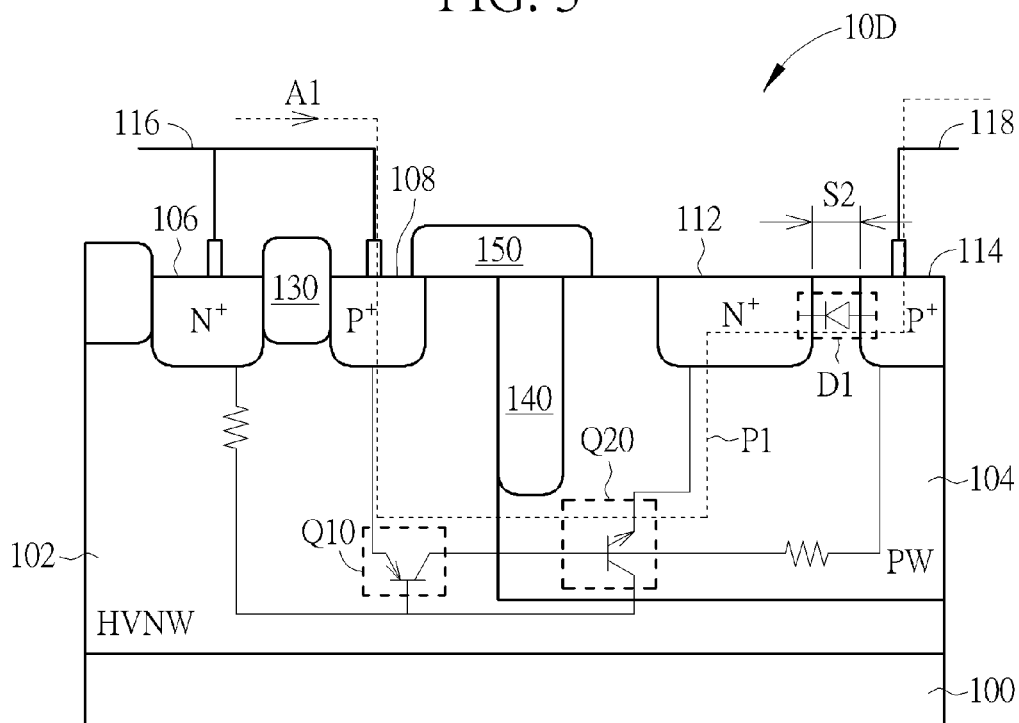


FIG. 4

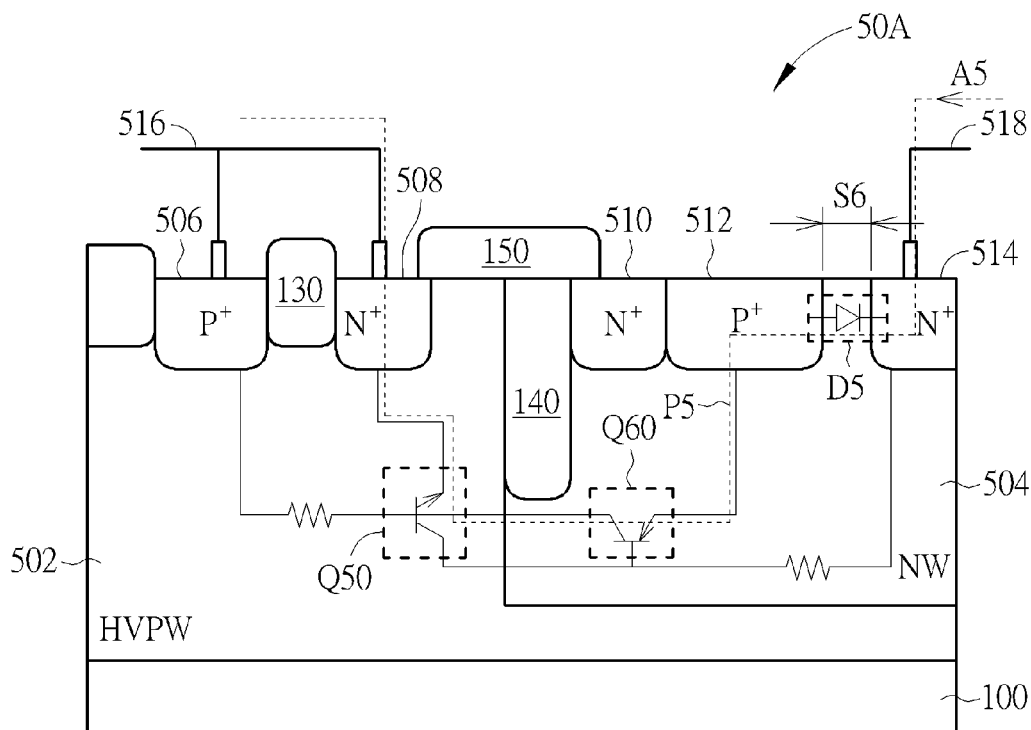


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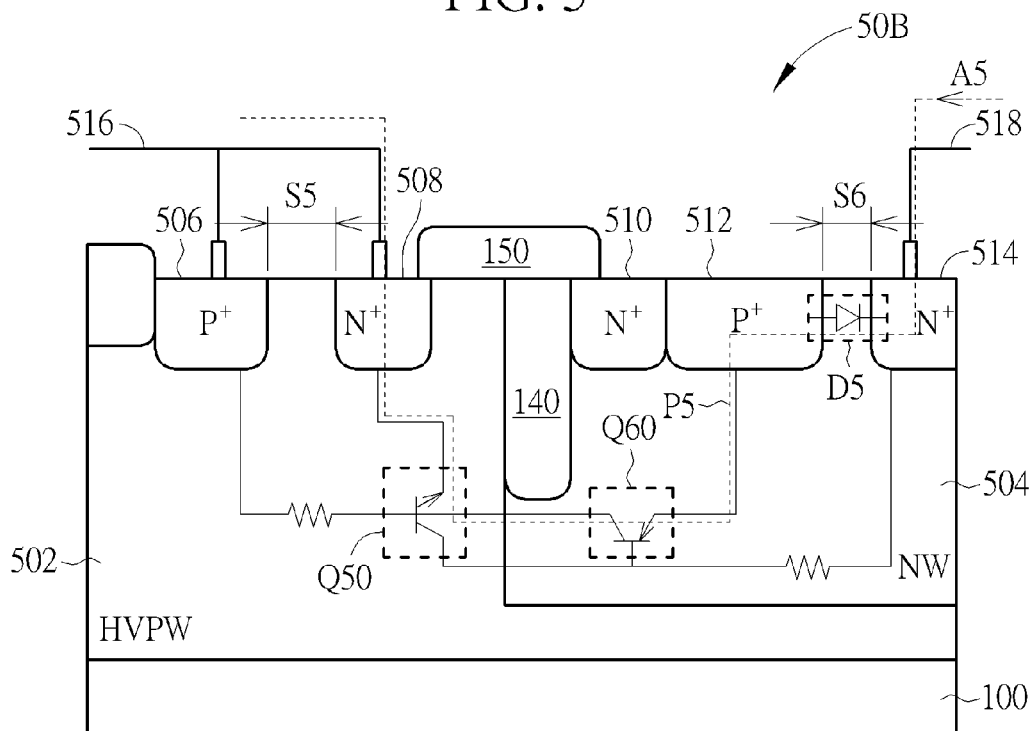


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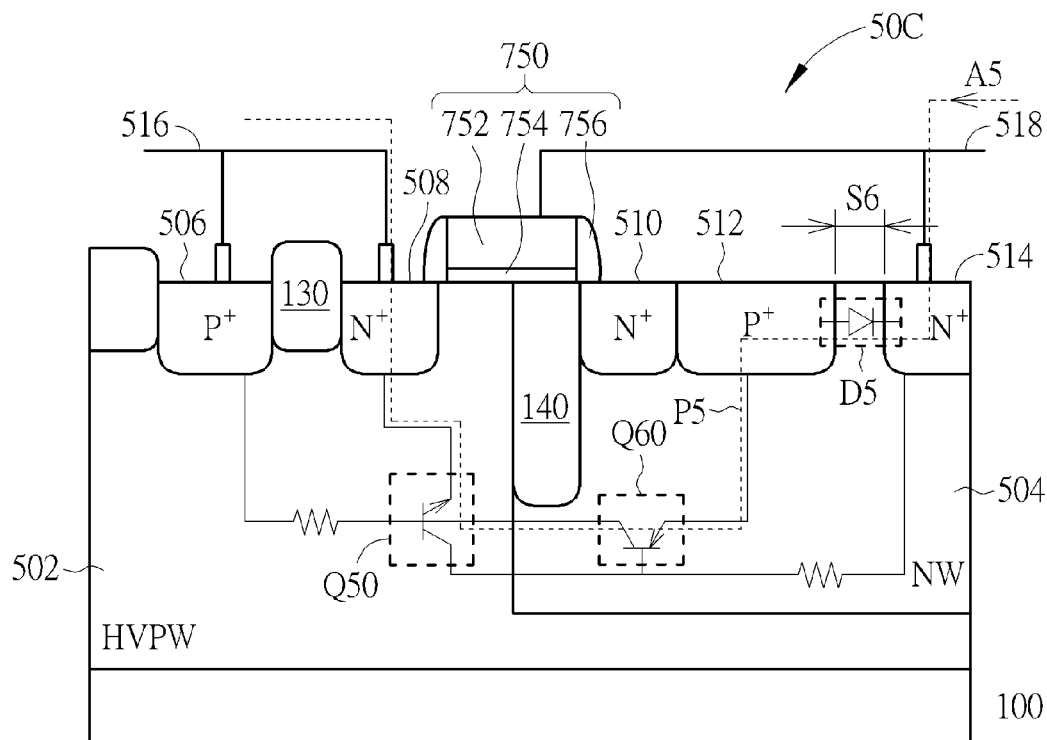


FIG. 7

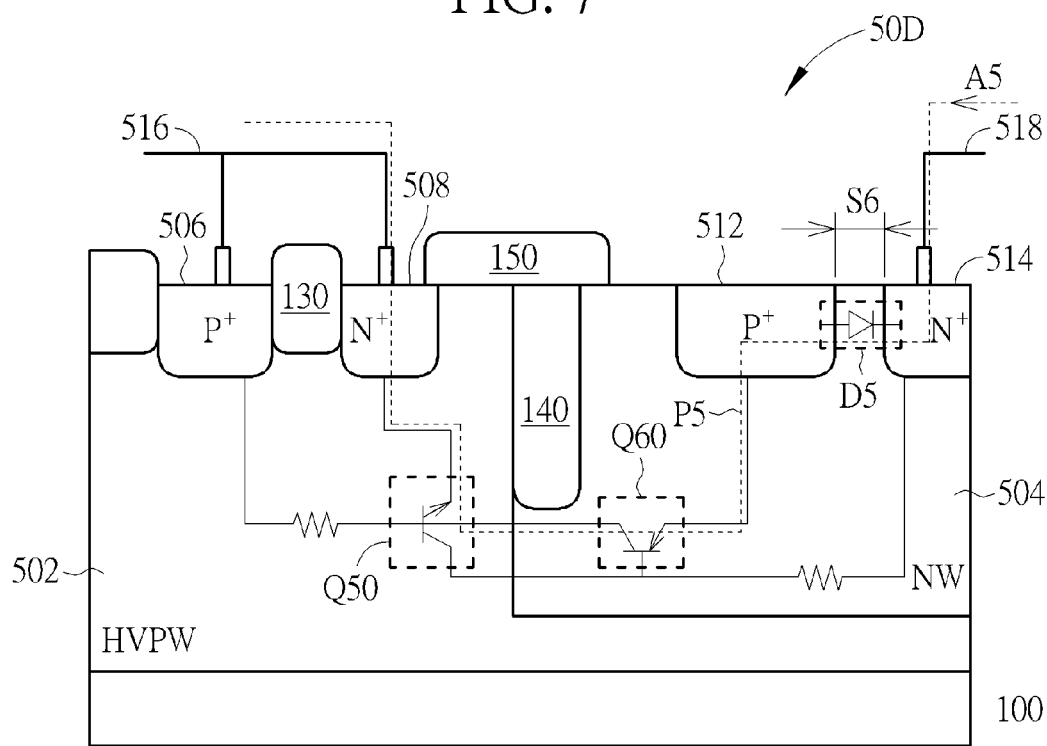


FIG. 8

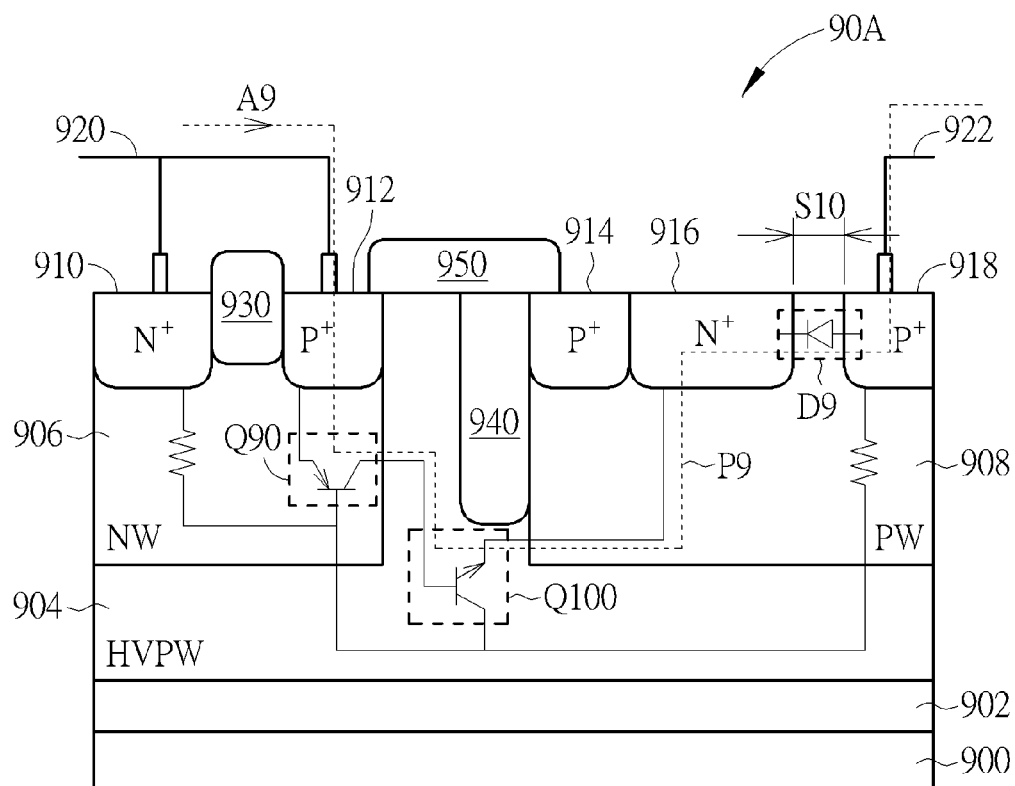


FIG. 9

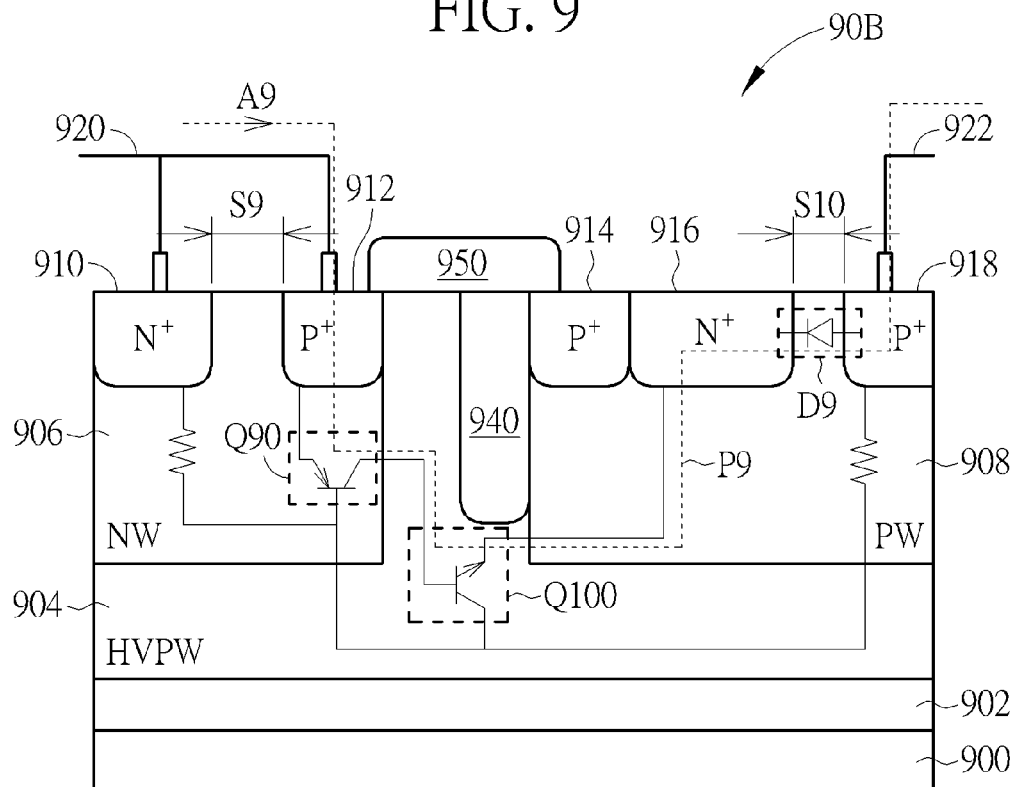


FIG. 10

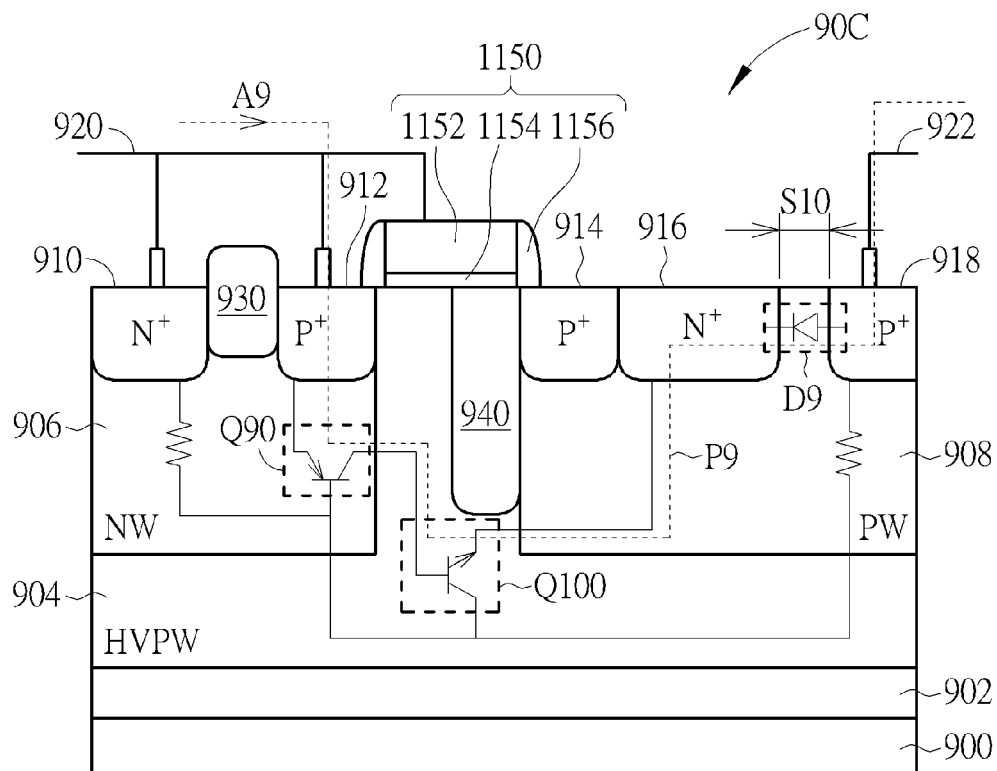


FIG. 11

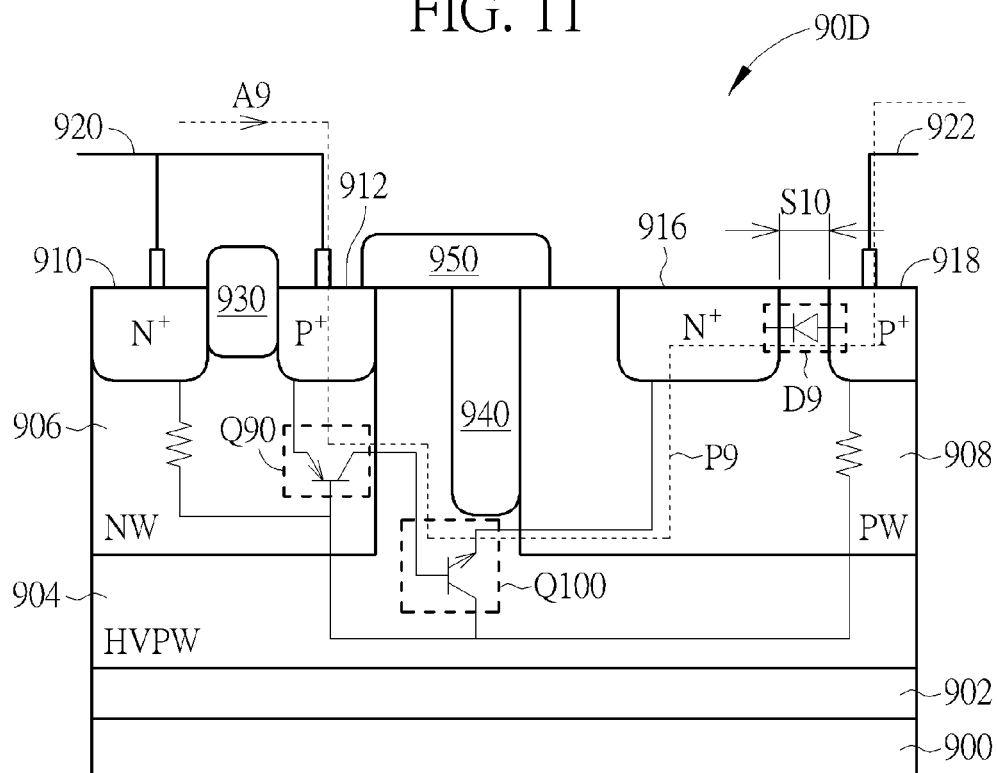


FIG. 12

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ELECTROSTATIC DISCHARGE PROTECTION STRUCTURE CAPABLE OF PREVENTING LATCH-UP ISSUE CAUSED BY UNEXPECTED NOISE

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

The invention relates to an electrostatic discharge protection structure, and more particularly, to an electrostatic discharge protection structure capable of preventing the latch-up issue caused by unexpected noise.

2. Description of the Prior Art

Electrostatic discharge (ESD) is an effect of electric charges moving rapidly between two electrically charged objects through a discharge path in a short period of time caused by contacting or short circuiting. Electrostatic discharge can damage components of an integrated circuit. Since the human body, machines used to package integrated circuits, and instruments for testing integrated circuits are all common charged bodies, the static electric charges of a charged body may discharge to a chip and cause irreversible harm to the chip once the charged body contacts with the chip. Therefore, an electrostatic discharge protection device is designed to provide a discharge path and to protect the integrated circuit from being blown out by an instantaneous discharge current.

In addition to the electrostatic clamp, which is a known electrostatic discharge protection apparatus, silicon controlled rectifier (SCR) is another popular electrostatic discharge protection apparatus. When an SCR is triggered by a triggering voltage, it will go into a snapback breakdown condition. Once the SCR enters the snapback breakdown condition, the SCR will become a low resistance path and clamp the holding voltage in a lower level. The low resistance path can provide a discharge path when the electrostatic discharge occurs so the discharge current will not flow through the integrated circuit and damage the chip.

However, the holding voltage is found to be much smaller than the power supply voltage for high-voltage devices. Such characteristics will cause the IC to be susceptible to the latch-up danger in practical system applications.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

One embodiment of the present invention discloses an electrostatic discharge protection structure. The electrostatic discharge protection structure includes a first well, a second well disposed in the first well, a first and a second doped region disposed in the first well, a third and a fourth doped region disposed in the second well, a first electrode electrically connected to the first doped region and the second doped region, and a second electrode electrically connected to the fourth doped region.

Another embodiment of the present invention discloses an electrostatic discharge protection structure. The electrostatic discharge protection structure includes an isolation layer, a high voltage P-well disposed on the isolation layer, an N-well disposed in the high voltage P-well, a P-well disposed in the high voltage P-well, a first doped region of N-type conductivity disposed in the N-well, a second doped region of P-type conductivity disposed in the N-well, a third doped region of N-type conductivity disposed in the P-well, a fourth doped region of P-type conductivity disposed in the P-well, an anode electrically connected to the first doped region and the second doped region, and a cathode electrically connected to the fourth doped region.

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These and other objectives of the present invention will no doubt become obvious to those of ordinary skill in the art after reading the following detailed description of the preferred embodiment that is illustrated in the various figures and drawings.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 shows an electrostatic discharge protection structures according to one embodiment of the present invention based on a high voltage filed-diffused SCR structure.

FIG. 2 shows an electrostatic discharge protection structure according to another embodiment of the present invention based on a high voltage filed-diffused SCR structure.

FIG. 3 shows an electrostatic discharge protection structure according to another embodiment of the present invention based on a high voltage filed-diffused SCR structure.

FIG. 4 shows an electrostatic discharge protection structure according to another embodiment of the present invention based on a high voltage filed-diffused SCR structure.

FIG. 5 shows an electrostatic discharge protection structure according to another embodiment of the present invention based on a high voltage filed-diffused SCR structure.

FIG. 6 shows an electrostatic discharge protection structure according to another embodiment of the present invention based on a high voltage filed-diffused SCR structure.

FIG. 7 shows an electrostatic discharge protection structure according to another embodiment of the present invention based on a high voltage filed-diffused SCR structure.

FIG. 8 shows an electrostatic discharge protection structure according to another embodiment of the present invention based on a high voltage filed-diffused SCR structure.

FIG. 9 shows an electrostatic discharge protection structures according to one embodiment of the present invention based on a high voltage lateral-diffused SCR structure.

FIG. 10 shows an electrostatic discharge protection structure according to another embodiment of the present invention based on a high voltage lateral-diffused SCR structure.

FIG. 11 shows an electrostatic discharge protection structure according to another embodiment of the present invention based on a high voltage lateral-diffused SCR structure.

FIG. 12 shows an electrostatic discharge protection structure according to another embodiment of the present invention based on a high voltage lateral-diffused SCR structure.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 shows an electrostatic discharge protection structure 10A according to an embodiment of the present invention based on a high voltage filed-diffused SCR structure. Referring to FIG. 1, an electrostatic discharge protection structure 10A is disposed on a substrate 100. The electrostatic discharge protection structure 10A includes a first well 102, a second well 104, a first doped region 106, a second doped region 108, a third doped region 112, a fourth doped region 114, a fifth doped region 110, a first electrode 116, and a second electrode 118. The first well 102, the first doped region 106 and the third doped region 112 are of a first conductivity type while the second well 104, the second doped region 108, the fourth doped region 114 and the fifth doped region 110 are of a second conductivity type. In the present embodiment, the first conductivity type is N-type and the second conductivity type is P-type. That is, the first doped region 106 and the third doped region 112 are N⁺ doped regions. The second doped region 108, the fourth doped region 114, and the fifth doped region 110 are P⁺ doped regions. The first well 102 is a high voltage N-well (HVNW),

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and the second well **104** is a P-well (PW). The first well **102** has a lower doping concentration than the second well **104**. The first to fifth doped regions **106**, **108**, **112**, **114** and **110** have a higher doping concentration than the second well **104**. In one embodiment, the doping concentration of the first well **102** is 10^{15} to 10^{17} cm^{-3} . The doping concentration of the second well **104** is 10^{17} to 10^{19} cm^{-3} . The doping concentration of the first to fifth doped regions **106**, **108**, **112**, **114** and **110** is 10^{19} to 10^{21} cm^{-3} .

The first well **102** is disposed on the substrate **100**. The second well **104** is disposed in the first well **102**. The first doped region **106** and the second doped region **108** are disposed in the first well **102**. The third doped region **112**, the fourth doped region **114** and the fifth doped region **110** are disposed in the second well **104**. The third doped region **112** is disposed between the fifth doped region **110** and the fourth doped region **114**. Furthermore, the depth of the second well **104** is smaller than the depth of the first well **102** and depths of the five doped regions **106**, **108**, **112**, **114**, and **110** are smaller than the depth of the second well **104**. In one embodiment, the depth of the first well **102** is $0\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ to $10\text{ }\mu\text{m}$. The depth of the second well **104** is $0\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ to $3\text{ }\mu\text{m}$, and the depth of each of the five doped regions **106**, **108**, **112**, **114**, and **110** is $0\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ to $0.3\text{ }\mu\text{m}$. The depth and concentration of each well or region can be adjusted based on specific requirement and consideration. They are not limited to the above ranges.

The first doped region **106** and the second doped region **108** can be separated by an isolation structure **130** as shown in FIG. 1. The isolation structure **130** can be a field oxide or a shallow trench isolation structure. However, referring to FIG. 2, FIG. 2 shows an electrostatic discharge protection structure **10B** according to another embodiment of the present invention based on a high voltage filed-diffused SCR structure. The electrostatic discharge protection structure **10B** has no isolation structure between the first doped region **106** and the second doped region **108**. Instead the first doped region **106** and the second doped region **108** can be separated by a distance **S1**. The distance **S1** can be between $0\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ and $2\text{ }\mu\text{m}$. Referring to both FIGS. 1 and 2, an isolation structure **140** is disposed between the second doped region **108** and the third doped region **112** in the first well **102** or the second well **104**. The isolation structure **140** can be a field oxide or a shallow trench isolation structure. Moreover, the electrostatic discharge protection structure **10A**, **10B** can further include an isolation structure **150** disposed between the second doped region **108** and the fifth doped region **112** above the first well **102** or the second well **104**. In one embodiment, the isolation structure **150** can be a field oxide or a shallow trench isolation structure. Referring to FIG. 3, FIG. 3 shows an electrostatic discharge protection structure **10C** according to another embodiment of this invention. Instead of including an isolation structure **150**, the electrostatic discharge protection structure **10C** includes a gate structure **350** between the second doped region **108** and the fifth doped region **110**. The gate structure **350** is connected to the first electrode **116** and may include a gate **352**, a gate dielectric layer **354**, and a spacer **356**. The material of the gate **352** can be a conductor such as metal or doped polysilicon. The material of the gate dielectric layer **354** can be an insulator such as silicon oxide or a high dielectric constant material. The material of the spacer **356** can be an insulator such as silicon oxide. The gate structure **350** is electrically connected to the first electrode **116**. In addition, the fifth doped region **110** is an auxiliary selection and can be removed in other embodiment. Referring to FIG. 4, FIG. 4 shows an electrostatic discharge protection structure **10D**. The electrostatic discharge protection structure **10D** is different from the electrostatic discharge protection structure

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10A only in that the electrostatic discharge protection structure **10D** has total four doped regions **106**, **108**, **112**, and **114**. Furthermore, the isolation structure **150** or the gate structure **350** can be formed between the second doped region **108** and the third doped region **112**.

The first electrode **116** is the anode of the electrostatic discharge protection structure **10A** to **10D** and the second electrode **118** is the cathode of the electrostatic discharge protection structure **10A** to **10D**. The first electrode **116** is electrically connected to the first doped region **106** and the second doped region **108**. The second electrode **118** is electrically connected to the fourth doped region **114**. Unlike the traditional SCR electrostatic discharge protection structure, the third doped region **112** is not electrically connected to the second electrode **118**.

Referring to FIG. 1, a first bipolar junction transistor **Q10** is formed by the second doped region **108**, the first well **102**, and the second well **104**. In addition, a second bipolar junction transistor **Q20** is formed by the first well **102**, the second well **104** and the third doped region **112**. In the embodiment of FIG. 1, a current **A1** flows from the first electrode **116**, the anode of the electrostatic discharge protection structure **10**, to the second electrode **118**, the cathode of the electrostatic discharge protection structure **10A** through the second doped region **108**, the first well **102**, the second well **104**, the third doped region **112**, and the fourth doped region **114**. Consequently, the path **P1** of the current **A1** contains a laminated structure of $\text{P}^+/\text{HVNW}/\text{PW}/\text{N}^+/\text{P}^+$, forming an SCR.

In addition, the third doped region **112** and the fourth doped region **114** forms a reversed diode **D1** on the path **P1**. Since the second electrode **118** is not connected to the third doped region **112**, the current flows into the third doped region **112** must go through the fourth doped region **114** to reach the second electrode **118**. Therefore, the discharge current has to overcome a breakdown voltage of the reversed diode **D1**. That is, the holding voltage V_h of the electrostatic discharge protection structure **10A** is increased by an amount of the breakdown voltage of the reversed diode **D1**, for instance, about 7-8V.

Moreover, when a distance **S2** between the third doped region **112** and the fourth doped region **114** increases, the breakdown voltage of the reversed diode **D1** also increases. Therefore, the holding voltage V_h of the electrostatic discharge protection structure **10A** can be adjusted by adjusting the distance **S2** between the third doped region **112** and the fourth doped region **114**. The distance **S2** can be between $0\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ and $5\text{ }\mu\text{m}$.

Referring to FIG. 5, FIG. 5 shows an electrostatic discharge protection structure **50A** according to another embodiment of the present invention based on a high voltage filed-diffused SCR structure. The difference between the electrostatic discharge protection structure **50A** in FIG. 5 and the electrostatic discharge protection structure **10A** in FIG. 1 is in the first conductivity type, the second conductivity type and the positions of anode and cathode. The first conductivity type is P-type and the second conductivity type is N-type in the embodiment of FIG. 5. Thus the first doped region **506** and the third doped region **512** are P^+ doped regions. The second doped region **508**, the fourth doped region **514**, and the fifth doped region **510** are N^+ doped regions. The first well **502** is a high voltage P-well (HVPW), and the second well **504** is an N-well (NW). The first well **502** has a lower doping concentration than the second well **504**. The first to fifth doped regions **506**, **508**, **512**, **514**, and **510** have a higher doping concentration than the second well **504**. Except for the con-

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ductivity types, the electrostatic discharge protection structure 50A has a structure similar to the electrostatic discharge protection structure 10.

Furthermore, referring to FIG. 6, FIG. 6 shows an electrostatic discharge protection structure 50B according to another embodiment of the present invention based on a high voltage filed-diffused SCR structure. The electrostatic discharge protection structure 50B has no isolation structure between the first doped region 506 and the second doped region 508. Instead, the first doped region 506 and the second doped region 508 can be separated by a distance S5. The distance S5 can be between 0 μm to 2 μm .

In addition, referring to FIG. 7, FIG. 7 shows an electrostatic discharge protection structure 50C according to another embodiment of the present invention. Instead of including an isolation structure 150, the electrostatic discharge protection structure 50C includes a gate structure 350 between the second doped region 508 and the fifth doped region 510 and connected to the second electrode 518. Also, the fifth doped region 510 is an auxiliary selection and can be removed in other embodiment. Referring to FIG. 8, FIG. 8 shows an electrostatic discharge protection structure 50D according to another embodiment of the present invention. The electrostatic discharge protection structure 50D is different from the electrostatic discharge protection structure 10A only in that the electrostatic discharge protection structure 50D has total four doped regions 506, 508, 512, and 514. Furthermore, the isolation structure 150 or the gate structure 350 can be formed between the second doped region 508 and the third doped region 512.

Similar to FIG. 1, in FIG. 5, a first bipolar junction transistor Q50 is formed by the second doped region 508, the first well 502, and the second well 504. In addition, a second bipolar junction transistor Q60 is formed by the first well 502, the second well 504 and the third doped region 512. In the embodiment of FIG. 5, a current A5 flows from the second electrode 518, the anode of the electrostatic discharge protection structure 50A, to the first electrode 516, the cathode of the electrostatic discharge protection structure 50A through the fourth doped region 514, the third doped region 512, the second well 504, the first well 502, and then the second doped region 508. Consequently, the path P5 of the current A5 contains a laminated structure of N⁺/P⁺/NW/HVPW/N⁺, forming an SCR.

Similar to the reversed diode D1 in FIG. 1, the third doped region 512 and the fourth doped region 514 form a reversed diode D5 on the path P5. Since the second electrode 518 is not connected to the third doped region 512, the current flows into the fourth doped region 514 must go through the third doped region 512. Therefore, the discharge current has to overcome a breakdown voltage of the reversed diode D5. That is, the holding voltage V_h of the electrostatic discharge protection structure 50A is increased by an amount of the breakdown voltage of the reversed diode D5, for instance, about 7-8V.

Again, when a distance S6 between the third doped region 512 and the fourth doped region 514 increases, the breakdown voltage of the reversed diode D5 also increases. Therefore, the holding voltage V_h of the electrostatic discharge protection structure 50A can be adjusted by adjusting the distance S6 between the third doped region 512 and the fourth doped region 514. The distance S6 can be between 0 μm and 5 μm .

Referring to FIG. 9, FIG. 9 shows an electrostatic discharge protection structure 90A according to another embodiment of the present invention based on a high voltage lateral-diffused SCR structure. The electrostatic discharge protection structure 90A is disposed on a substrate 900. The electrostatic discharge protection structure 90A includes an isolation layer

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902, a first well 904, a second well 906, a third well 908, a first doped region 910, a second doped region 912, a third doped region 916, a fourth doped region 918, a fifth doped region 914, a first electrode 920, and a second electrode 922. The second doped region 912, the fourth doped region 918, and the fifth doped region 914 are P⁺ doped regions while the first doped region 910 and the third doped region 916 are N⁺ doped regions. The first well 904 is a high voltage P-well (HVPW), the second well 906 is an N-well (NW), and the third well 908 is a P-well (PW). The isolation layer 902 is disposed on the substrate 900. The first well 904 is disposed on the isolation layer 902. The second well 906 and the third well 908 are disposed in the first well 904. The first doped region 910 and the second doped region 912 are disposed in the second well 906. The third doped region 916, the fourth doped region 918 and the fifth doped region 914 are disposed in the third well 908. The third doped region 916 is disposed between the fifth doped region 914 and the fourth doped region 918.

The first well 904 has a lower doping concentration than the second well 906 and third well 908. The first to fifth doped regions 910, 912, 916, 918 and 914 have a higher doping concentration than the second well 906 and third well 908. In one embodiment, the doping concentration of the first well 904 is 10^{15} to 10^{17} cm^{-3} , the doping concentration of the second well 906 and third well 908 is 10^{17} to 10^{19} cm^{-3} , and the doping concentration of the first to fifth doped regions 910, 912, 916, 918 and 914 is 10^{19} to 10^{21} cm^{-3} . Furthermore, depths of the second well 906 and the third well 908 are smaller than the depth of the first well 904, and depths of the five doped region 910, 912, 916, 918 and 914 are smaller than the depths of the second well 906 and the third well 908. In one embodiment, the depth of the first well 902 is 0 μm to 10 μm , the depth of each of the second well 906 and the third well 908 is 0 μm to 3 μm , and the depth of each of the doped regions 910, 912, 916, 918, and 914 is 0 μm to 0.3 μm .

In one embodiment, the isolation layer 902 is an N-type buried layer with a doping concentration of 10^{19} to 10^{21} cm^{-3} and a depth of 7 μm to 15 μm , while in another embodiment, the isolation layer 902 is a deep N-well with a doping concentration of 10^{15} to 10^{17} cm^{-3} and a depth of 0 μm to 15 μm . In yet another embodiment, the isolation layer is an insulation layer. The depth and concentration of each well or doped region can be adjusted based on specific requirement and consideration. They are not limited to the above ranges.

The first doped region 910 and the second doped region 912 can be separated by an isolation structure 930 as shown in FIG. 9. The isolation structure 930 can be a field oxide or a shallow trench isolation structure. However, referring to FIG. 10, FIG. 10 shows an electrostatic discharge protection structure 90B according to another embodiment of the present invention based on a high voltage lateral-diffused SCR structure. The electrostatic discharge protection structure 90B has no isolation structure 930. Instead, the first doped region 910 and the second doped region 912 can be separated by a distance S9. The distance S9 can range from 0 μm to 2 μm . Referring to FIGS. 9 and 10, the second doped region 912 and the third doped region 916 can be partially blocked by an isolation structure 940. The isolation structure 940 can be a field oxide or a shallow trench isolation structure. Moreover, the electrostatic discharge protection structure 90A, 90B can further include an isolation structure 950 disposed between the second doped region 912 and the fifth doped region 914. In one embodiment, the isolation structure 950 can be a field oxide or a shallow trench isolation structure. Referring to FIG. 11, FIG. 11 shows an electrostatic discharge protection structure 90C according to another embodiment of the present invention. Instead of including an isolation structure

950, the electrostatic discharge protection structure 90C includes a gate structure 1150 between the second doped region 912 and the fifth doped region 914. The gate structure 1150 is connected to the first electrode 920 and may include a gate 1152, a gate dielectric layer 1154, and a spacer 1156. The material of the gate 1152 can be a conductor such as metal or doped polysilicon. The material of the gate dielectric layer 1154 can be an insulator such as silicon oxide or a high dielectric constant material. The material of the spacer 1156 can be an insulator such as silicon oxide. The gate structure 1150 is electrically connected to the first electrode 920. In addition, the fifth doped region 914 is an auxiliary selection and can be removed in other embodiment. Referring to FIG. 12, FIG. 12 shows an electrostatic discharge protection structure 90D according to another embodiment of the present invention. The electrostatic discharge protection structure 90D is different from the electrostatic discharge protection structure 90A only in that the electrostatic discharge protection structure 90D has total four doped regions 910, 912, 916, and 918. Furthermore, the isolation structure 950 or the gate structure 1150 can be formed between the second doped region 912 and the third doped region 914.

The first electrode 920 is the anode of the electrostatic discharge protection structure 90A to 90D and the second electrode 922 is the cathode of the electrostatic discharge protection structure 90A to 90D. The first electrode 920 is electrically connected to the first doped region 910 and the second doped region 912. The second electrode 922 is electrically connected to the fourth doped region 918. Unlike the traditional SCR electrostatic discharge protection structure, the third doped region 916 is not electrically connected to the second electrode 922.

Referring to FIG. 9, a first bipolar junction transistor Q90 is formed by the second doped region 912, the second well 906, and the first well 904. In addition, a second bipolar junction transistor Q100 is formed by the second well 906, the first well 904, the third well 908, and the third doped region 916. In the embodiment of FIG. 9, a current A9 flows from the first electrode 920 to the second electrode 922 through the second doped region 912, the second well 906, the first well 904, the third well 908, the third doped region 916, and the fourth doped region 918. Consequently, the path P9 of current A9 contains a laminated structure of P⁺/NW/HVPW/PW/N⁺/P⁺, forming an SCR.

The third doped region 916 and the fourth doped region 918 form a reversed diode D9 on the path P9. Since the second electrode 922 is not connected to the third doped region 916, the current flows into the third doped region 916 must go through the fourth doped region 918 to reach the second electrode 922. Therefore, the discharge current will have to overcome a breakdown voltage of the reversed diode D9. That is, the holding voltage V_h of the electrostatic discharge protection structure 90A is increased by an amount of the breakdown voltage of the reversed diode D9, for instance, about 7-8V.

Moreover, when a distance S10 between the third doped region 916 and the fourth doped region 918 increases, the breakdown voltage of the reversed diode D9 also increases. Therefore, the holding voltage V_h of the electrostatic discharge protection structure 90A can be adjusted by adjusting the distance S10 between the third doped region 916 and the fourth doped region 918. The distance S10 can range from 0 μm to 5 μm .

As described above, this invention provides electrostatic discharge protection structures that can increase the holding voltage V_h to levels larger than the system supply voltage, preventing the latch-up issue caused by unexpected noise.

Those skilled in the art will readily observe that numerous modifications and alterations of the device and method may be made while retaining the teachings of the invention. Accordingly, the above disclosure should be construed as limited only by the metes and bounds of the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. An electrostatic discharge protection structure, comprising:
 - a first well of a first conductivity type disposed on a substrate;
 - a second well of a second conductivity type disposed in the first well, wherein a doping concentration of the second well is higher than a doping concentration of the first well;
 - a first doped region of the first conductivity type disposed in the first well;
 - a second doped region of the second conductivity type disposed in the first well;
 - a third doped region of the first conductivity type disposed in the second well;
 - a fourth doped region of the second conductivity type disposed in the second well;
 - a first electrode electrically connected to the first doped region and the second doped region; and
 - a second electrode electrically connected to the fourth doped region but not directly electrically connected to the third doped region;
 wherein the first conductivity type is N-type, the second conductivity type is P-type, the first electrode is an anode, the second electrode is a cathode, and the third doped region and the fourth doped region form a diode with the third doped region being a cathode of the diode and the fourth doped region being an anode of the diode.
2. The electrostatic discharge protection structure of claim 1, further comprising an isolation structure disposed between the second doped region and the third doped region above the first well and second well.
3. The electrostatic discharge protection structure of claim 2, wherein the isolation structure is a field oxide layer or a shallow trench isolation structure.
4. The electrostatic discharge protection structure of claim 1, further comprising a gate structure disposed between the second doped region and the third doped region.
5. The electrostatic discharge protection structure of claim 1, further comprising an isolation structure disposed between the second doped region and the third doped region in the first well or the second well.
6. The electrostatic discharge protection structure of claim 5, wherein the isolation structure is a field oxide layer or a shallow trench isolation structure.
7. The electrostatic discharge protection structure of claim 1, further comprising a fifth doped region of the second conductivity type disposed in the second well, wherein the third doped region is disposed between the fourth doped region and the fifth doped region.
8. The electrostatic discharge protection structure of claim 7, wherein a doping concentration of the fifth doped regions is 10^{19} to 10^{21} cm^{-3} , and a depth of the fifth doped regions is less than 0.3 μm .
9. The electrostatic discharge protection structure of claim 7, further comprising an isolation structure disposed between the second doped region and the fifth doped region.
10. The electrostatic discharge protection structure of claim 7, further comprising a gate structure disposed between the second doped region and the fifth doped region.

11. The electrostatic discharge protection structure of claim 1, wherein a distance between the first doped region and the second doped region is less than 2 μm .

12. The electrostatic discharge protection structure of claim 1, further comprising a shallow trench isolation structure disposed between the first doped region and the second doped region. 5

13. The electrostatic discharge protection structure of claim 1, wherein a distance between the third doped region and the fourth doped region is less than 5 μm . 10

14. The electrostatic discharge protection structure of claim 1, wherein the doping concentration of the first well is 10^{15} to 10^{17} cm^{-3} , a depth of the first well is less than 10 μm , the doping concentration of the second well is 10^{17} to 10^{19} cm^{-3} , a depth of the second well is less than 3 μm , a doping concentration of each of the four doped regions is 10^{19} to 10^{21} cm^{-3} , and a depth of each of the four doped regions is less than 0.3 μm . 15

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